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Missouri Area Labor Trends

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A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment edged up seasonally in February after remaining essentially unchanged between December and January. About 170,900 Missourians were jobless in February, an increase of 7600 from January.

Total employment did not change in February, remaining at 2,270,000. Compared to a year ago, total employment has increased by 73,600, while unemployment is down by 23,600. The labor force has grown by 50,000 in the past year to 2,440,900, while the unemployment rate dropped by 1.1 percentage points.

The number of jobs on nonfarm payrolls also remained unchanged in February, at 2,086,200, an increase of 61,000 from the year earlier figure. The only significant industry changes in February were the usual seasonal ones. Retail trade and construction were down by 5300 and 4300 jobs, respectively, while state and local government increased by 7800 jobs following the end of many schools' semester breaks. The principal over-the-year gains were in retail trade (24,100 jobs), services (19,300 jobs), and construction (9500 jobs).

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Estimates of the nation's economic growth in the final quarter of 1985 have been revised downward to an annual rate of 0.7 percent. The growth for the year is now put at 2.1 percent, the smallest annual increase in the current expansion.

National labor market conditions deteriorated in February, suggesting that the improvement in economic activity so

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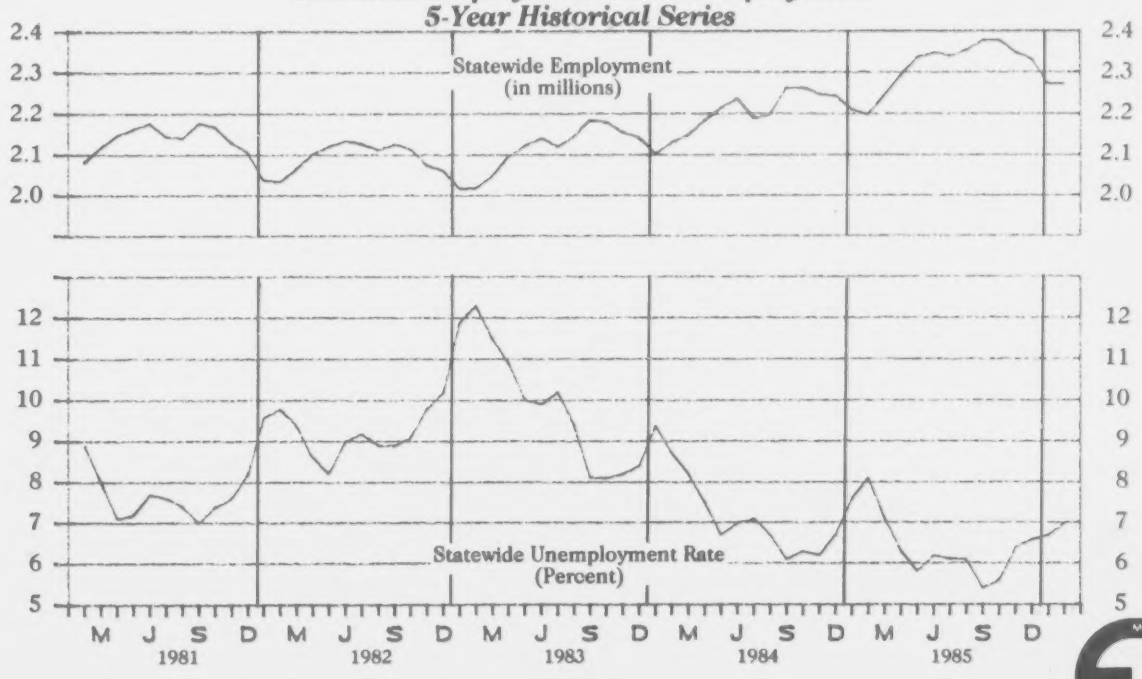

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - FEB 1986 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JAN 1986 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - FEB 1985 (BENCHMARKED 1985)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2440892	2270039	170853	7.0	2433288	2270036	163252	6.7	2390918	2196418	194500	8.1
ST. LOUIS MSA	1213026	1119104	93922	7.7	1209952	1124538	85414	7.1	1172657	1072386	100271	8.6
KANSAS CITY MSA	784689	742694	41995	5.4	783174	743493	39681	5.1	785110	741553	43557	5.5
SPRINGFIELD MSA	113368	107304	6064	5.3	112741	106705	6036	5.4	109515	102869	6646	6.1
COLUMBIA MSA	58513	56362	2151	3.7	55762	53786	1976	3.5	59694	56740	2954	4.9
JOPLIN MSA	65252	61346	3906	6.0	65484	61594	3890	5.9	63412	58922	4490	7.1
ST. JOSEPH MSA	42552	38745	3807	8.9	41237	37749	3488	8.5	40879	37456	3423	8.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13345	12386	959	7.2	13036	12225	811	6.2	13450	12188	1262	9.4
ANDREW	7574	6976	598	7.9	7230	6704	526	7.3	6651	6165	486	7.3
ATCHISON	3023	2822	201	6.6	3192	2988	204	6.4	3292	2952	340	10.3
AUDRAIN	10033	9312	721	7.2	10353	9632	721	7.0	11033	9847	1186	10.7
BARRY	11702	10959	743	6.3	11520	10793	727	6.3	11136	10353	783	7.0
BARTON	5193	4998	195	3.8	5202	5011	191	3.7	5051	4816	235	4.7
BATES	6178	5580	598	9.7	6246	5747	499	8.0	6231	5659	572	9.2
BENTON	5297	4634	663	12.5	5283	4618	665	12.6	5148	4499	649	12.6
BOLLINGER	3499	2917	582	16.6	3480	2956	524	15.1	3646	2987	659	18.1
BUTLER	15285	13527	1758	11.5	15810	14033	1777	11.2	16197	14109	2088	12.9
CALDWELL	3142	2867	275	8.8	3037	2786	251	8.3	3164	2886	278	8.8
CALLAWAY	14460	13476	984	6.8	14586	13623	963	6.6	15234	13770	1464	9.6
CAMDEN	12750	11398	1352	10.6	12959	11581	1378	10.6	11992	10582	1410	11.8
CAPE GIRARDEAU	32036	30314	1722	5.4	31884	30221	1663	5.2	31311	29363	1948	6.2
CARROLL	5137	4658	479	9.3	5186	4753	433	8.3	4865	4435	430	8.8
CARTER	2005	1564	441	22.0	2066	1681	385	18.6	2409	2033	376	15.6
CEDAR	4832	4441	391	8.1	4881	4531	350	7.2	4847	4358	489	10.1
CHARITON	4891	4536	355	7.3	4977	4639	338	6.8	4588	4156	432	9.4
CLARK	3774	3428	346	9.2	3745	3427	318	8.5	3727	3311	416	11.2
CLINTON	6027	5522	505	8.4	5965	5531	434	7.3	6545	5937	608	9.3
COLE/OSAGE LMA	37796	35643	2153	5.7	37908	35901	2007	5.3	37145	34556	2589	7.0
COOPER	6685	6117	568	8.5	6723	6185	538	8.0	6765	5857	908	13.4
CRAWFORD	6559	5807	752	11.5	6492	5767	725	11.2	7292	6212	1080	14.8
DADE	2787	2593	194	7.0	2753	2580	173	6.3	2842	2667	175	6.2
DALLAS	3882	3379	503	13.0	3864	3374	490	12.7	3827	3227	600	15.7
DAVIESS	3636	3418	218	6.0	3687	3468	219	5.9	3642	3334	308	8.5
DEKALB	3867	3562	305	7.9	3864	3609	255	6.6	3669	3374	295	8.0
DENT	5313	4723	590	11.1	5253	4667	586	11.2	5428	4666	762	14.0
DOUGLAS	4924	4353	571	11.6	5075	4515	560	11.0	4926	4221	705	14.3
DUNKLIN	13317	11738	1579	11.9	13550	11990	1560	11.5	13497	11587	1910	14.2
GASCONADE	6822	6326	496	7.3	6812	6437	375	5.5	6798	6230	568	8.4
GENTRY	3039	2861	178	5.9	3058	2860	198	6.5	3147	2952	195	6.2
GRUNDY	5040	4680	360	7.1	5002	4622	380	7.6	5198	4803	395	7.6
HARRISON	4844	4467	377	7.8	4804	4450	354	7.4	4701	4356	345	7.3
HENRY	8591	7780	811	9.4	8461	7711	750	8.9	8543	7752	791	9.3
HICKORY	2757	2474	283	10.3	2832	2562	270	9.5	2458	2113	345	14.0
HOLT	2524	2338	186	7.4	2505	2317	188	7.5	2455	2206	249	10.1
HOWARD	4539	4239	300	6.6	4398	4107	291	6.6	4810	4326	484	10.1
HOWELL	12328	11064	1264	10.3	12262	11007	1255	10.2	12958	11410	1548	11.9
IRON	3530	3022	508	14.4	3460	2974	486	14.0	3708	2797	911	24.6
JOHNSON	16978	16170	808	4.8	16810	16086	724	4.3	17281	16489	792	4.6
KNOX	2085	1881	204	9.8	2035	1839	196	9.6	2073	1794	279	13.5
LACLEDE	11612	10498	1114	9.6	11675	10560	1115	9.6	12159	10930	1229	10.1
LAWRENCE	13687	12747	940	6.9	13780	12829	951	6.9	13441	12438	1003	7.5

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LEWIS	5301	4697	604	11.4	5307	4783	524	9.9	5037	4510	527	10.5
LINCOLN	11474	10463	1011	8.8	11078	10201	877	7.9	10485	9405	1080	10.3
LINN	6609	5931	678	10.3	6478	5800	678	10.5	6507	5818	689	10.6
LIVINGSTON	6639	6121	518	7.8	6657	6221	436	6.5	6544	5918	626	9.6
MACON	7480	6709	771	10.3	7522	6909	613	8.1	7841	5947	1894	24.2
MADISON	4048	3611	437	10.8	4052	3646	406	10.0	4153	3628	525	12.6
MARIES	3807	3468	339	8.9	3747	3449	298	8.0	3755	3404	351	9.3
MARION/RALLS LMA	18393	16579	1814	9.9	18079	16533	1546	8.6	17123	15521	1602	9.4
MCDONALD	7645	7040	605	7.9	7611	7143	468	6.1	7037	6532	505	7.2
MERCER	1580	1453	127	8.0	1580	1453	127	8.0	1609	1468	141	8.8
MILLER	9617	8080	1537	16.0	9497	8051	1446	15.2	9199	7348	1851	20.1
MISSISSIPPI	6191	5340	851	13.7	6199	5294	905	14.6	6299	5380	919	14.6
MONITEAU	6016	5192	824	13.7	6048	5199	849	14.0	5912	4891	1021	17.3
MONROE	4972	4652	320	6.4	4916	4631	285	5.8	4535	4132	403	8.9
MONTGOMERY	5030	4561	469	9.3	4888	4458	430	8.8	4994	4370	624	12.5
MORGAN	6155	5386	769	12.5	6078	5283	795	13.1	6382	5490	892	14.0
NEW MADRID	9111	8034	1077	11.8	8899	7709	1190	13.4	9496	8262	1234	13.0
NODAWAY	10094	9514	580	5.7	10093	9578	515	5.1	9816	9224	592	6.0
OREGON	3510	3118	392	11.2	3526	3170	356	10.1	3664	3131	533	14.5
OZARK	3158	2795	363	11.5	3112	2777	335	10.8	3319	2782	537	16.2
PEMISCOT	8693	7752	941	10.8	8754	7852	902	10.3	8565	7592	973	11.4
PERRY	7653	7076	577	7.5	7576	7099	477	6.3	7500	6763	737	9.8
PETTIS	18251	16643	1608	8.8	18089	16541	1548	8.6	17506	15982	1524	8.7
PHELPS	16177	15082	1095	6.8	15892	14934	958	6.0	15775	14440	1335	8.5
PIKE	8322	7519	803	9.6	8214	7505	709	8.6	7455	6569	886	11.9
POLK	8636	7967	669	7.7	8709	8003	706	8.1	9005	8411	594	6.6
PULASKI	11618	10812	806	6.9	11691	10889	802	6.9	11337	10497	840	7.4
PUTNAM	2088	1927	161	7.7	2032	1887	145	7.1	2206	1996	210	9.5
RANDOLPH	12155	11201	954	7.8	12127	11161	966	8.0	12254	10733	1521	12.4
REYNOLDS	1951	1557	394	20.2	1948	1588	360	18.5	2073	1549	524	25.3
RIPLEY	4123	3614	509	12.3	4178	3670	508	12.2	4112	3534	578	14.1
SALINE	11731	10908	823	7.0	11595	10898	697	6.0	11925	11001	924	7.7
SCOTLAND	2421	2232	189	7.8	2439	2263	176	7.2	2286	2086	200	8.7
SCOTT	17600	16023	1577	9.0	17418	15822	1596	9.2	16954	15082	1872	11.0
SHANNON	3034	2441	593	19.5	3025	2459	566	18.7	3444	2749	695	20.2
SHELBY	3549	3266	283	8.0	3567	3316	251	7.0	3527	3154	373	10.6
ST. CLAIR	3058	2818	240	7.8	3026	2813	213	7.0	3239	2944	295	9.1
ST. FRANCOIS	17730	15866	1864	10.5	17909	16060	1849	10.3	17867	15548	2319	13.0
STE. GENEVIEVE	6864	6214	650	9.5	7088	6454	634	8.9	6268	5625	643	10.3
STODDARD	12856	11378	1478	11.5	12672	11405	1267	10.0	12151	10682	1469	12.1
STONE	8083	6461	1622	20.1	8138	6587	1551	19.1	7562	5968	1594	21.1
SULLIVAN	3503	3293	210	6.0	3477	3279	198	5.7	3367	3102	265	7.9
TANEY	13180	10940	2240	17.0	13061	10841	2220	17.0	12293	9897	2396	19.5
TEXAS	9362	8066	1296	13.8	9544	8281	1263	13.2	9514	7787	1727	18.2
VERNON	8943	8359	584	6.5	8788	8332	456	5.2	8770	8141	629	7.2
WARREN	8843	8250	593	6.7	8812	8257	555	6.3	8178	7546	632	7.7
WASHINGTON	6383	5395	988	15.5	6405	5495	910	14.2	6350	4515	1835	28.9
WAYNE	4172	3454	718	17.2	4101	3419	682	16.6	4287	3555	732	17.1
WEBSTER	9437	8376	1061	11.2	9631	8613	1018	10.6	9018	8091	927	10.3
WORTH	1241	1176	65	5.2	1261	1183	78	6.2	1152	1066	86	7.5
WRIGHT	6871	6035	836	12.2	6814	6025	789	11.6	7040	6151	889	12.6

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
February, 1986

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2086.2	2086.5	2025.2									
Total Manufacturing	427.1	427.1	425.6	395.39	401.88	369.26	40.1	40.8	39.2	9.86	9.85	9.42
Durable Goods	244.6	243.5	242.1	445.05	451.07	406.80	41.4	42.2	40.0	10.75	10.76	10.17
Lumber & Wood Products	10.0	9.8	9.9	234.62	244.22	229.26	37.3	39.2	37.4	6.29	6.23	6.13
Furniture & Fixtures	10.2	10.2	10.2	303.56	314.50	307.58	41.3	42.5	43.2	7.35	7.40	7.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.5	10.8	10.2	468.60	467.86	411.27	42.6	43.2	40.4	11.00	10.83	10.18
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	709.60	614.24	534.48	46.9	42.1	39.3	15.13	14.59	13.60
Structural Clay Prod.	2.0	1.9	2.1	516.67	534.96	480.80	41.4	42.9	41.2	12.48	12.47	11.67
Other Stone, Clay & Glass	7.6	7.9	7.1									
Primary Metal Industries	12.6	12.3	13.5	416.12	430.03	452.99	40.4	40.8	40.7	10.30	10.54	11.13
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.7	1.7	2.0	359.08	395.01	372.91	38.2	41.8	41.9	9.40	9.45	8.90
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.2	3.0	360.53	342.21	335.98	44.4	42.3	42.8	8.12	8.09	7.85
Other Primary Metals	7.8	7.4	8.5									
Fabricated Metal Products	28.3	28.5	28.2	407.83	416.37	374.66	41.7	42.4	39.9	9.78	9.82	9.39
Structural Metal Prod.	11.0	11.4	10.5	400.61	411.09	368.23	41.6	42.6	40.2	9.63	9.65	9.16
Other Fab. Metal Prod.	17.2	17.1	17.7									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.2	30.6	31.7	412.08	414.66	391.95	40.8	41.8	40.2	10.10	9.92	9.75
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	49.3	49.5	51.3	385.40	398.40	377.29	41.0	41.5	40.7	9.40	9.60	9.27
Transportation Equipment	73.2	72.9	68.5	617.48	620.84	529.14	43.7	44.0	39.4	14.13	14.11	13.43
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	37.3	37.5	32.7	656.76	660.21	555.88	45.2	45.5	38.9	14.53	14.51	14.29
Other Transportation Equip.	35.9	35.4	35.8									
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.9	11.7	315.21	310.87	287.74	39.9	39.4	40.3	7.90	7.89	7.14
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.3	7.1	6.9	239.08	260.82	243.94	34.4	38.3	37.3	6.95	6.81	6.54
Nondurable Goods	182.5	183.6	183.5	328.61	333.45	321.64	38.3	39.0	38.2	8.58	8.55	8.42
Food & Kindred Products	45.0	45.2	43.8	391.53	388.17	379.49	40.7	40.1	40.5	9.62	9.68	9.37
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	12.0	12.1	11.5	264.52	272.22	262.51	38.9	39.0	40.2	6.80	6.98	6.53
Dairy Products	6.5	6.3	6.1	420.11	400.06	394.70	43.4	41.5	41.9	9.68	9.64	9.42
Grain Mill Products	7.4	7.4	7.2	468.90	469.58	405.37	44.7	44.3	40.7	10.49	10.60	9.96
Bakery Products	5.5	5.5	5.3	373.54	386.61	375.55	38.0	38.7	37.0	9.83	9.99	10.15
Beverages	9.5	9.5	9.2	550.93	543.89	604.03	37.2	36.7	41.4	14.81	14.82	14.59

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred	4.2	4.4	4.5	429.84	388.17	386.11	43.2	40.1	40.6	9.95	9.68	9.51
Textile & Apparel	24.0	23.7	25.2	191.68	199.09	184.38	34.6	35.3	34.4	5.54	5.64	5.36
Paper & Allied Products	13.1	12.9	13.4	377.99	392.29	365.52	40.6	41.6	40.3	9.31	9.43	9.07
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	7.0	6.7	6.6	389.78	407.69	380.69	40.9	41.9	41.2	9.53	9.73	9.24
Other Paper Products	6.2	6.2	6.8									
Printing & Publishing	40.8	40.9	40.2	372.49	369.33	366.15	38.6	39.0	37.4	9.65	9.47	9.79
Commercial Printing	13.3	13.4	13.0	433.88	418.80	433.88	40.1	40.0	40.1	10.82	10.47	10.82
Other Printing	27.5	27.5	27.2									
Chemicals & Allied	28.6	28.7	29.1	432.61	454.16	445.52	39.4	41.4	41.1	10.98	10.97	10.84
Leather & Leather Products	17.3	18.2	17.9	185.81	201.76	178.28	33.6	35.9	33.2	5.53	5.62	5.37
Footwear Exc. Rubber	13.8	14.7	14.4	176.22	196.18	169.98	33.0	35.8	32.5	5.34	5.48	5.23
Other Leather Prod.	3.5	3.5	3.5									
Other Nondurable Goods	13.7	14.0	14.0									
Total Nonmanufacturing	1659.1	1659.4	1599.6									
Mining	5.5	6.0	5.9									
Construction	85.4	89.7	75.9									
Transportation & Public Util.	142.2	142.5	139.0									
Railroad Transportation	17.0	17.1	14.8									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	69.7	70.7	70.6									
Communications	55.4	54.7	53.6									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	506.7	512.7	482.7									
Wholesale Trade	129.6	130.2	129.7									
Retail Trade	377.1	382.4	353.0									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	121.2	121.3	117.4									
Services	459.3	456.5	440.0									
Government	338.9	330.7	338.8									
Federal Government	70.9	70.6	70.1									
State & Local Government	268.0	260.2	268.8									

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far this year may be less than expected. Unemployment rose sharply in February, the seasonally adjusted civilian rate jumping six-tenths of a percentage point to 7.3 percent, about the rate prevailing a year ago. This was the first monthly increase of this magnitude since 1980. The increase is not believed to be part of a trend, however; some of the increase in unemployment may have been a correction from January's reported improvement. The reported increase in unemployment apparently was concentrated in three states -- California, Illinois, and Texas. Industrially, the largest increases were among agricultural workers and those in the transportation and utilities industries.

Total civilian employment dropped by about 400,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis, with half the decrease occurring in agriculture. In contrast, the number of nonfarm payroll jobs increased by about 225,000. Gains in the service-producing sector offset declines in the goods-producing sector. Over the past year, both total civilian employment and nonfarm payroll employment have shown strong gains -- about 2 and 3 million, respectively.

Outlook

The economy may not be performing as strongly this quarter as earlier thought, but continued growth is expected. The government's index of leading economic indicators -- a key measure of future economic activity -- dropped in January for the first time in nine months, which seemed to point to a weakening of the economy. When additional data became available, the January index was revised upward to about December's level. Further, the index began to climb again in February. Most indicators seem to point to continued economic growth, if at only a moderate rate.

The upward trend in Missouri's employment, with slowly dropping unemployment, is expected to continue. Seasonal improvement should begin in March and accelerate in April.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — February, 1986

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,440,900	2,433,300	2,390,900	7,600	50,000
Total Employed	2,270,000	2,270,000	2,196,400	0	73,600
Total Unemployed	170,900	163,300	194,500	7,600	-23,600
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	7.0	6.7	8.1	0.3	-1.1
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,086,200	2,086,500	2,025,200	-300	61,000
Manufacturing	427,100	427,100	425,600	0	1,500
Durable Goods	244,600	243,500	242,100	1,100	2,500
Nondurable Goods	182,500	183,600	183,500	-1,100	-1,000
Nonmanufacturing	1,659,100	1,659,400	1,599,600	-300	59,500
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	8,943	13,634	10,343	-4,691	-1,400
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	63,608	70,880	67,941	-7,272	-4,333
Insured Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.0	3.6	0.7	0.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,718	4,692	4,176	-974	-458
Amount of Benefits Paid	$22,929,817	$24,326,983	$22,093,719	-$1,397,166	$836,098
State U.I.	22,565,104	23,866,235	21,760,157	-1,301,131	804,947
UCFE	165,302	219,753	153,823	-54,451	11,479
UCX	199,411	240,995	179,739	-41,584	19,672

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

February, 1986

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Layoffs in Retail Trade and Construction pushed the Area's unemployment rate up 0.3 of a percentage point to 5.4 per cent in February 1986. Not since 1983 has the Area's unemployment rate recorded an increase during the month of February. One factor contributing to the rise in the rate was the modest increase in the Area's civilian labor force, seeking work during this relatively tight month. This marked only the fourth time in 13 years that the Area's labor force has expanded during a month that usually shows moderate withdrawals. Despite the monthly losses in employment, unemployment was slightly lower than the level recorded a year ago.

Wage and salaried employment in February 1986 was 691,400, up slightly by 200 from the January 1986 total of 691,200. Manufacturing fell by 500 jobs, scattered widely among most of the industrial sector. Most of the major employment movements occurred in the Nonmanufacturing sector, which gained a modest 700 jobs over-the-month. School personnel and tax processors accounted for almost all the jobs gained in the sector. The Government sector contributed the bulk of the jobs gained over the period. The return of school personnel after the winter break added 1,900 jobs to the Area's 2,400 jobs added in Government. The other 500 jobs were added in Federal Government sector as additional tax processors were hired. The end of the winter semester break also contributed the bulk of 600 jobs added in the Services industry. Wholesale and Retail Trade and Construction were the big losers over-the-month. Retail Trade fell by 1,800 jobs as a result of layoffs in department stores, apparel, automotive and miscellaneous retail stores. Jobs in Wholesale Trade dropped slightly, while Construction lost 500 jobs over-the-month.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 11,300 from February 1985 to February 1986, with a gain of 500 jobs in Durable Goods Manufacturing, a loss of 600 jobs in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing and a gain of 11,400 jobs in Nonmanufacturing. With the exception of Construction, which fell slightly below 1985 levels, almost all other Nonmanufacturing industries showed substantial gains over-the-year. Retail Trade recorded the most significant gain over year ago levels with an increase of 6,200 jobs over the period. Wholesale Trade was virtually unchanged from its year ago total. Services showed a gain of 2,500 jobs over-the-year, while Finance, Insurance and Real Estate added 600 jobs over the February 1985 total. Government added 2,100 jobs over the period, with State and Local contributing 2,000 of those jobs. Federal Government showed little change over-the-period.

In Manufacturing, losses of 600 were recorded in Electrical and Electronic Equipment while Primary Metals also posted 300 fewer jobs than last year at this time. Gains of 500 in Fabricated Metals and 400 in Motor Vehicles offset losses elsewhere in the Durable Goods Manufacturing sector and kept overall losses to a minimum. Losses were more prevalent in the Nondurable Goods sector, despite the gain of 600 jobs in Chemicals.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 42,000 in February 1986 for 5.4 per cent of the labor force, compared with 39,700 in January 1986 for 5.1 per cent of the labor force and 43,600 in February 1985 for 5.5 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Seasonal factors are expected to bring the Area's unemployment rate down in March 1986. Improvements in several of the Area's seasonal industries are expected. Construction and Services will begin to show employment increases during the month. Federal Government will continue to show gains as the tax processing effort is stepped up. Retail Trade may begin to rebound from its winter slump. Unemployment is expected to be 5.2 per cent of the labor force in March 1986, compared to 5.4 per cent in February 1986 and 4.9 per cent in March 1985.

Continued gains in the Area's seasonal industries should push the unemployment rate down further in April 1986. Construction, Services, Retail Trade and Government should all show higher employment levels. Manufacturing may show little change. Unemployment is expected to be 5.0 per cent of the labor force in April 1986, compared to 4.4 per cent in April 1985.

Kansas City Area - Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 32,135 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of February 1986.

Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics	Per Cent
Age: Under 22	15.6
22-44	68.4
45 and over	16.0
Sex: Male	63.0
Female	37.0
Racial or Ethnic Group	
Black	28.8
Other Non-White	0.9
Hispanic	1.9
Miscellaneous Characteristics	**Per Cent**
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	49.0
Veterans	19.6
Handicapped	2.2

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated February 28, 1986.

Job Placements

During February 1986, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 6,694 and job placements totaled 1,436. There were 1,494 veteran referrals in February 1986, with 248 veteran placements. During January 1986, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,367 and job placements totaled 1,997. There were 1,612 veteran referrals in January 1986, with 298 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated February 28, 1986.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) February 1986

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	14.4	14.6	14.5
25-34	38.7	34.9	37.4
35-44	23.1	23.1	23.1
45-54	13.0	15.8	14.0
55-64	9.9	10.1	10.0
65 and over	0.7	1.4	0.9
Unreported	0.2	0.1	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.7
Mining	0.4
Construction	22.1
Manufacturing	23.3
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	7.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	18.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.6
Services	23.1
All Other	2.0
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	9.2
Clerical	13.5
Sales	3.6
Services	10.1
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.9
Processing	1.6
Machine Trades	6.9
Benchwork	9.2
Structural Work	14.0
Miscellaneous	16.0
Information not available	15.0

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 8,997; 5,937 were male and 3,060 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1985)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** February, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	691,400	691,200	680,100	+200	+11,200
Total Manufacturing	119,000	119,500	119,100	-500	-100
Durable Goods	68,000	68,300	67,500	-300	+500
Lumber & Furniture	3,200	3,300	3,200	-100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,800	3,500	-100	+200
Primary Metal Industries	3,500	3,500	3,800	0	-300
Fabricated Metal Products	9,500	9,500	9,000	0	+500
Machinery Except Electrical	7,800	7,800	7,600	0	+200
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,900	21,100	21,500	-200	-600
Transportation Equipment	15,500	15,600	15,100	-100	+400
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(15,300)	(15,400)	(14,900)	(-100)	(+400)
Other Durable Goods	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	51,000	51,200	51,600	-200	-600
Food & Kindred Products	9,300	9,300	9,500	-200	-200
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,400	2,300	2,500	+100	-100
Paper & Allied Products	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
Printing & Publishing	19,900	20,000	20,100	-100	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,800	8,700	8,200	+100	-200
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,600	5,100	-100	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	572,400	571,700	561,000	+700	+11,400
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	25,600	26,100	25,700	-500	-100
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	52,800	52,600	52,800	+200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	183,600	185,600	177,300	-2,000	+6,300
Wholesale Trade	(55,600)	(55,800)	(55,500)	(-200)	(+100)
Retail Trade	(128,000)	(129,800)	(121,800)	(-1,800)	(+6,200)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	52,100	52,100	51,500	0	+600
Services	151,000	150,400	148,500	+600	+2,500
Government	106,800	104,400	104,700	+2,400	+2,100
Federal Government	(29,300)	(28,800)	(29,200)	(+500)	(+100)
State & Local Government	(77,500)	(75,600)	(75,500)	(+1,900)	(+2,000)
In Labor-Management Disputes	300	300	100	0	+200

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$445.28	$452.97	$446.20	39.9	40.3	41.2	$11.16	$11.24	$10.83
Durable Goods	485.62	489.24	486.80	40.2	40.3	41.5	12.08	12.14	11.73
Lumber & Furniture	235.91	266.34	297.92	29.6	33.8	39.2	7.97	7.88	7.60
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	321.76	466.46	497.04	32.6	39.1	36.9	9.87	11.93	13.47
Primary Metal Industries	341.87	425.96	495.71	32.1	38.1	40.9	10.65	11.18	12.12
Fabricated Metal Products	388.05	382.39	369.15	39.0	39.3	40.3	9.95	9.73	9.16
Machinery Exc. Electrical	434.28	387.46	420.97	38.5	38.4	40.4	11.28	10.09	10.42
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	449.25	440.06	484.34	40.4	38.5	42.9	11.12	11.43	11.29
Transportation Equipment	728.83	729.14	639.11	46.9	46.8	43.3	15.54	15.54	14.76
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(734.61)	(736.02)	(644.06)	(47.0)	(47.0)	(43.4)	(15.63)	(15.66)	(14.84)
Other Durable Goods	244.90	211.50	261.26	35.7	30.0	37.7	6.86	7.05	6.93
Nondurable Goods	379.42	393.73	378.51	39.4	40.3	40.7	9.63	9.77	9.30
Food & Kindred Products	360.04	386.98	410.18	41.1	41.3	42.2	8.76	9.37	9.72
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	201.35	196.20	202.54	35.7	36.0	37.3	5.64	5.45	5.43
*Paper & Allied Products	455.28	469.80	379.13	44.0	45.7	41.3	10.12	10.28	9.18
Printing & Publishing	404.70	392.54	386.25	38.0	37.6	37.5	10.65	10.44	10.30
Chemicals & Allied Products	436.24	494.08	483.91	38.3	41.8	44.6	11.39	11.82	10.85
Petroleum & Coal Products	443.75	350.40	358.11	35.7	36.5	38.3	12.43	9.60	9.35
Other Nondurable Goods	370.72	288.98	281.52	38.4	41.7	41.4	7.05	6.93	6.80

* This series excludes industry 2771.
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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

February, 1986

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate increased from 7.1% in January to 7.7% in February. This large increase follows January's small rise from the December 1985 rate of 6.9%. Most of the movement in the unemployment rate over the past 2 months has been weather related. During January, employment and unemployment registered little change because of the mild weather. Outdoor activities, such as construction, were at record high January levels. In February, St. Louis experienced more typical winter weather that caused employment declines in the above mentioned activities. The unemployment rate therefore increased to a winter level that is normal after a December 6.9 rate. March weather conditions have been mostly seasonal and therefore the unusual fluctuations in the area's rate is not expected to continue. Over the year, the number of area unemployed residents has declined by 6400 while total employment rose 46,700. The unemployment rate in February, 1985 was 8.6%. Significant job creation over the past 12 months occurred in transportation equipment, manufacturing, construction, trade, finance and services. There were 300 labor disputants in February, 200 in January and 100 in February, 1985.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 300 over the month. Transportation equipment continued to add workers. Employment in that industry was up 500 over January. Stone, clay and glass experienced a seasonal decline of 200 due to the weather related slowdown in construction. Over the year, manufacturing is up 2900.

In February, 1985 1700 auto workers were affected by a temporary layoff for model change-over. These workers are currently employed and a second shift of workers has been added at another auto assembly plant over the past year. These two occurances caused motor vehicle employment to rise by 4700. Aircraft continued to employ 1200 more

workers than 1985. Five other manufacturing industries registered small gains. These industries are lumber (+200), stone (+100), electrical equipment (+300), instruments (+100) and other nondurables (+100).

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing declined 1600 over the month. Seasonal job losses occurred in trade, construction and transportation. Non-teaching school personnel returned to work after their holiday layoffs in January. Private school seasonal gains affected services (+1300) while public schools raised government employment levels (+2800). Over the year, nonmanufacturing employment rose 27,200. Services, up 10,300, continues to be responsible for a large portion of the overall job growth. Service sectors registering significant gains are business services, automotive repair, health care (after suffering losses in 1984 and the first half of 1985) and miscellaneous professional services. The only major nonmanufacturing industries reporting declines over the year were transportation and local government.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 1500 in February from January. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 600 and in the Illinois portion they were up 900.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '86	Feb.
INA	2	0	0	3
Agriculture	40	76	154	149
Mining	27	38	34	60
Construction	1566	2761	3316	4576
Manufacturing Total	3716	3588	4255	4661
Food	488	492	484	590
Textile	23	19	46	47
Apparel	152	143	290	183
Lumber	37	44	49	67
Furniture	89	76	88	125
Paper	90	94	87	135
Printing	163	148	168	150
Chemicals	323	249	252	253
Petroleum	21	27	26	28
Rubber	114	118	148	205
Leather	174	182	188	167
Stone	77	81	99	127
Primary Metal	154	155	247	253
Fabricated Metal	510	489	560	731
Machinery	106	119	112	143
Electrtical Machinery	396	346	432	466
Transportation Equip.	234	236	309	235
Instruments	31	20	26	27
Miscellaneous	541	549	637	728
Public Utilities	752	644	767	973
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2252	2102	2280	2800
Finance	318	313	267	312
Services	5526	5265	5991	6597
All Other	289	300	322	354
TOTAL	14488	15087	17386	20485

Of the 20,485 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in February, 1986, 68.2 percent were male and 31.8 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '86	Feb.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1855	1642	1725	1875
Clerical	2386	2204	2340	2580
Sales	634	546	614	662
Farm, Fish & Forest	103	204	288	321
Processing	316	298	348	398
Machine Trades	1129	1133	1272	1482
Bench Work	762	701	825	948
Structural Work	1445	1768	2329	2733
Misc. Work	9043	1975	2275	2811
Domestic	51	45	63	60
Other Services	2052	2038	2279	2679
INA	1851	2533	3028	3936
TOTAL	14488	15087	17386	20485

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.0	15.3	19.8	40.8	2.1
Placements, %	44.0	12.2	38.4	39.9	2.2

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.5	1.6
Clerical	15.4	12.2
Sales	15.2	17.7
Processing	1.6	1.8
Machine Trades	5.1	3.4
Bench Work	3.4	4.0
Structural Work	12.1	14.1
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.9	3.5
Packaging & Material Handling	8.8	11.3
Domestic	1.0	0.9
Other Services	27.0	28.5
Other Occupations	1.0	1.0

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemloyment rate in March, 1986 is expected to be about 7.3%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current: February, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,063,000	1,064,300	1,032,900	-1,300	+30,100
Percent Change				-(0.1)	+(2.9)
Manufacturing	224,700	224,400	221,800	+300	+2,900
Durable Goods	142,100	141,600	137,500	+500	+4,600
Lumber & Furniture	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,100	3,300	3,000	-200	+100
Primary Metal Industries	13,600	13,700	15,000	-100	-1,400
Fabricated Metal Products	17,000	17,000	17,300	0	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,000	17,900	18,600	+100	-600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,700	15,700	15,400	0	+300
Transportation Equipment	57,100	56,600	51,000	+500	+6,100
Motor Vehicles	22,000	21,900	17,300	+100	+4,700
Aircraft & Parts	29,000	28,700	27,800	+300	+1,200
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,900	12,800	12,800	+100	+100
Nondurable Goods	82,600	82,800	84,300	-200	-1,700
Food & Kindred Products	20,900	20,900	20,900	0	0
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Beverages	8,200	8,200	8,100	0	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,200	6,300	6,600	-100	-400
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	16,400	16,300	16,500	+100	-100
Chemical & Allied Products	20,300	20,400	21,000	-100	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,700	2,800	+100	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,600	5,000	+100	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,800	5,600	-100	+100
Nonmanufacturing	838,300	839,900	811,100	-1,600	+27,200
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
Construction	49,900	51,900	45,000	-2,000	+4,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	71,400	71,900	71,700	-500	-300
Railroads	4,700	4,700	5,400	0	-700
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,300	38,800	38,600	-500	-300
Communications & Public Utilities	28,400	28,400	27,800	0	+600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	252,300	255,200	243,900	-2,900	+8,400
Wholesale Trade	64,700	65,000	64,400	-300	+300
Retail Trade	187,600	190,200	179,500	-2,600	+8,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	66,300	66,400	63,300	-100	+3,000
Service, Except Domestic	256,700	255,400	246,400	+1,300	+10,300
Total Government	138,200	135,400	137,200	-2,800	+1,000
Total Federal Government	38,400	38,400	37,100	0	+1,300
Total State & Local Government	99,800	96,900	100,100	+2,900	-300
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	300	200	100	+100	+200

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$453.86	$467.10	$427.58	40.2	41.3	38.8	$11.29	$11.31	$11.02
Durable Goods	482.10	497.87	442.34	41.1	42.3	38.7	11.73	11.77	11.43
Lumber & Furniture	317.19	364.31	340.66	36.5	40.3	40.7	8.69	9.04	8.37
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	315.81	344.62	355.87	31.9	34.6	35.2	9.90	9.96	10.11
Primary Metal Industries	434.68	487.46	459.42	40.1	43.1	39.0	10.84	11.31	11.78
Fabricated Metal Products	433.01	445.20	410.80	41.2	42.0	40.0	10.51	10.60	10.27
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	459.09	476.11	448.51	41.1	42.7	40.7	11.17	11.15	11.02
Elect & Electronic Equip.	398.29	416.75	317.00	40.6	41.8	38.8	9.81	9.97	8.17
Transportation Equipment	613.87	617.81	541.55	43.2	43.6	37.4	14.21	14.17	14.48
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	306.82	315.44	292.53	37.6	38.8	37.6	8.16	8.13	7.78
Nondurable Goods	400.40	409.22	400.42	38.5	39.5	38.8	10.40	10.36	10.32
Food & Kindred Products	496.53	493.52	489.57	40.5	39.8	39.9	12.26	12.40	12.27
Textiles & Apparel	201.25	205.18	198.49	32.2	33.2	33.7	6.25	6.18	5.89
Paper & Paper Products	391.68	406.43	403.92	41.1	41.9	40.8	9.53	9.70	9.90
Printing & Publishing	375.55	376.38	385.67	37.0	37.6	37.7	10.15	10.01	10.23
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	474.38	505.01	460.16	40.1	43.2	40.4	11.83	11.69	11.39
Petroleum & Coal Products	590.40	623.57	623.38	41.0	44.1	43.2	14.40	14.14	14.43
Leather & Leather Products	183.71	188.94	191.17	32.4	33.5	35.6	5.67	5.64	5.37
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded from 112,700 in January to 113,400 in February. This results from increases in employment and unemployment of 600 and 100 respectively. The February preliminary unemployment rate, estimated at 5.3 percent, decreased from 5.4 percent in January.

During February 1985, there were 6,600 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 6.1 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Overall payrolled employment, estimated at 98,900 for February, shows no change from January.

Manufacturing jobs are down 300 from January and 1,200 below February, 1985. During both time periods, job reductions occurred in the durable manufacturing segment while the nondurable group was characterized by stability.

Nonmanufacturing jobs rose 300 from January to reach 80,400 in February. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since January include: construction, down 300; transportation and utilities, down 100; trade, down 200; services, up 200; and government, up 900. Local government rebounded as schools resumed following the semester break that was in progress at the time of the January survey.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose eight cents from January to reach $9.05 in February. The average factory work week fell from 40.0 in January to 38.3 in February. The net result of these two influences dropped average weekly earnings by $12.18 from January to $346.62 in February.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current:** February, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	98,900	98,900	96,500	0	+2,400
Manufacturing	18,500	18,800	19,700	-300	-1,200
Durable Goods	9,300	9,600	10,600	-300	-1,300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,600	9,700	-300	-1,400
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+100
Food Processing	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	+100
Nonmanufacturing	80,400	80,100	76,800	+300	+3,600
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,900	4,200	3,300	-300	+600
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	6,000	6,200	-100	-100
Trade	27,300	27,500	26,300	-200	+1,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	+100
Services	25,200	25,000	23,200	+200	+2,000
Government	13,400	12,500	13,300	+900	+100
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,700	10,800	11,600	+900	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Since February 1985, average hourly earnings are up 56 cents, average weekly hours are down 1.7 hours and average weekly earnings are up $14.66.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to rise slightly during March. This increase will mostly reflect normal seasonal changes in the nonmanufacturing sector. The rate of unemployment will probably inch downward two or three-tenths of a percentage point nearing the 5.0 percent level.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$346.62	$358.80	$331.96	38.3	40.0	39.1	$9.05	$8.97	$8.49
Durable Goods	342.76	341.38	318.20	41.0	40.4	38.9	8.36	8.45	8.18
Nondurable Goods	352.29	379.20	355.61	35.3	39.5	39.6	9.98	9.60	8.98
Food & Kindred Products	375.18	403.39	377.90	33.8	37.7	41.3	11.10	10.70	9.15
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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